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1. MAIN FRONTPAGE STORY IN AL-AHRAM COVERED DOMESTIC ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING TUESDAY MEETING OF SAYED MAREI WITH SADAT. MAREI WILL PRESENT WRITTEN REPORTS ON DOMESTIC SITUATION, ASU DEVELOPMENT AND PRESS REORGANIZATION. AL-AKHBAR'S MAIN STORY COVERED MEASURES TO TIGHTEN LAW AGAINST GRAFT, WHILE AL-GOMHOURIYA'S LEAD STORY REPORTED ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON ISRAELI PLANE AT ORLY.
2. BOTH AL-AHRAM AND AL-AKHBAR FRONTPAGED "MISLEADING ALLEGATIONS" CIRCULATING IN ME ON EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. ALLEGED AGREEMENT INVOLVES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL 40-60 KMS IN SINAI. IN RETURN, EGYPT WOULD AGREE TO HALT MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL FOR 12 YEARS AND U.S. WOULD PLEDGE TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH OIL NEED.
3. AMBASSADOR EILTS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS WITH SECRETARY BEFORE ALLON'S WASHINGTON VISIT WEDNESDAY WAS FRONTPAGED IN BOTH AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHOURIYA.
4. U.S. DEVELOPMENTS WERE FEATURED IN FRONTPAGE WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE OF RECENT FORD ME STATEMENTS AND DECISION TO INCREASE IMPORTED OIL TAXES (AL-AHRAM AND AL-AKHBAR), AND PRAVDA REPORT ON INCREASING CIA ME ACTIVITIES (AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHOURIYA).

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5. OTHER SUPPORTING FRONTPAGE STORIES INCLUDED FEISAL-SADAT ASWAN TALKS NEXT SUNDAY (ALL PAPERS), BOTH JOINT AMERICAN-EGYPTIAN SURVEY OF LAKE NASSER AND NILE AS WELL AS WEST DELTA REMOTE SENSING PROJECT (AL-AHRAM) AND SADAT'S UPCOMING VISIT TO PARIS (AL-GOMHOURIYA). EMPHASIS ON ECONOMY IN STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE AND ROCKEFELLER-HEADED COMMITTEE TO INVESTIAGE CIA WERE REPORTED IN AL-AKHBAR'S FOREIGN PAGE.

6. AL-AHRAM'S EDITORIAL DESCRIBED AMERICA'S STAND AS "INCONSISTENT" BECAUSE KISSINGER AND FORD STATEMENTS ON THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND OIL CRISIS CONFLICT AND U.S. REFUSAL TO CONFRONT ISRAEL'S REPEATED REJECTION OF SETTLEMENT IN ME. AL-AHRAM'S CARTOON SHOWED KISSINGER HOLDING BOMB LABELED "WAR" AND FORD LIGHTING FUSE. AL-AKHBAR FAVORED FURTHER MEASURES AGAINST GRAFT, AND AL-GOMHOURIYA CONDEMNED "RUMORS IN FOREIGN CIRCLES" SPECULATING ON CAIRO-TEL AVIV SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.
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